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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael SOGARD

Group Art Unit: 1639

Confirmation No.: 7706

Application No.: 10/038,342

Examiner: Mark Lance SHIBUYA

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For:

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants now reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006. The period for response has been extended to November 4, 2006, by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendments to the claims.